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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 7, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the claims directed to Species X (Figures 15A and 15B). In a preliminary amendment submitted herewith, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 6, 13, 21-22, 29-30, 36 and 38, cancelled claims 3, 35 and 40-43, and added claims 44-52. It is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-34, 36-39 and 44-52 read on the elected species.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.371.5340 with any questions or concerns.



Respectfully submitted,

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